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**KELLY PRINCIPAL TRESSIE ARMSTRONG THANKS STUDENTS AND
COMMUNITY FOR COURAGEOUS AND CALM RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 8TH
SHOOTING INCIDENT**

Carlsbad, CA ... Kelly Elementary School Principal Tressie Armstrong issues her deep gratitude to the Kelly “family” and the entire Carlsbad community for their courageous and calm response to the October 8, 2010 shooting incident.

On that day, a lone gunman entered the campus and wildly fired random shots at students on the playground during lunchtime recess. Two students were injured before the gunman was overtaken by three construction workers, assisted by two neighborhood residents, who detained him until police arrived and placed him in custody. The students’ injuries are not life-threatening.

Armstrong states, “We are so fortunate to be part of a wonderfully courageous and supportive community. Since the incident occurred, we have received an incredible amount of help and good wishes.”

She notes, “Our students are genuine heroes. They listened. They followed directions. They did not panic. They kept their ‘Cougar’ cool. These courageous little Kelly Cougars are much loved. We are thankful that all of them are safe, and we thank each of the many people and agencies who kept us safe.”

Armstrong says the school is moving forward with a positive spirit. She reports, “Our forward movement now is that we are celebrating a miracle, not a tragedy, because of our community.”

More information on the October 8, 2010 incident and its aftermath is at www.carlsbadusd.k12.ca.us and www.carlsbadca.gov.